SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Giving preference to non-gazetted officers, will the Government be pleased to draw up schemes for the construction of quarters for non-gazetted officers spread over a number of district headquarters where there is acute shortage of houses available for their occupation? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Proposals for the construction of quarters for non-gazetted officers have not yet been taken up. We are trying to seek aid from the Centre and if it is forthcoming, the question may be considered."

N.E.S. Scheme for Usilampatti

* 952 *Q*.—SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Usilampatti firka in Madurai district has been included in the Development Scheme;

(*b*) if so, when and the schemes and works proposed and investigated;

(*c*) how many of them have been taken up for execution; and

(*d*) the total cost of works?

8-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The scheme was started on 2nd October 1953. Necessary steps are being taken for minimising agricultural production by such means as supply of improved seeds, implements, etc. It is also proposed to dig 66 new drinking water wells and repair 40 old wells. Twenty new village road works estimated to cost Rs. 1,00,000 and repairs to 30 old roads estimated to cost Rs. 30,000 have also been contemplated. Social education programmes costing Rs. 25,000 and payment of grants-in-aid at a cost of Rs. 25,000 to adult literacy schools, leprosy relief, etc., have also been planned. Minor irrigation loans to an extent of Rs. 1,00,000 and short terms credit facilities for Rs. 3,00,000 will also be given.

Five breeding centres and two poultry farms were started and five pedigree bulls were supplied. There were 169 co-operative societies functioning in the Block. Six miles and 4 furlongs of roads were formed and 2 miles and 2 furlongs of roads were repaired. Ten Elementary Schools and 8 Adult Education Centres were started. Eight drinking water wells were sunk and 15 were repaired. Eight new wells and 17 repair works are in progress.

" (*d*) Each National Extension Service Block is estimated to cost Rs. 7·5 lakhs over a period of three years, of which a sum of Rs. 4 lakhs will be distributed as short term and minor irrigation loans."

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Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that Usilampatti is both the Sahara and Rayalaseema of Tamilnad? And in view of this, will the Hon. Minister sanction developmental schemes for this area charitably, magnanimously and liberally? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whatever be the condition of this firka, Government cannot have any new scheme under the National Extension Service besides what is being undertaken now."

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டத்தின்கீழ் இருக்கக்கூடிய முதியோர் பாடசாலைகளையெல்லாம் மூடிவிட்டு மாலை வகுப்புகள் வைப்பதற்கு உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறார்களே, அதனுடைய காரணம் என்ன ?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இது பொதுவான கொள்கை ; கல்வி இலாகாவினால் அனுசரிக்கப்பட்ட கொள்கை. அதிகமாக வயது வந்தோர்களுக்கு கல்வி அளிப்பதைவிட 8 முதல் 18 வயதுள்ளவர்களுக்குக் கல்வி அளிக்கும் விஷயத்தில் முதலில் கவனம் செலுத்தவேண்டும் என்ற அடிப்படைக் கொள்கையின்பேரில் இந்த மாறுதல் அனுசரிக்கப்பட்டுவருகிறது."

Panchayat Board, Pasumbalur

* 953 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. R. Viswanathan is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with reference to answer, dated 12th August 1954, to question No. 1316, the result of the further enquiries made into the complaint, dated 8th January 1954, against the President, Panchayat Board, Pasumbalur, Perambalur taluk, from the above village?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" As a result of the further enquiries made into the matter, the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has issued a notice to Sri Kandaswami Udayar, President, Pasumbalur Panchayat (Tiruchirappalli) to show cause against his removal from office. The Regional Inspector is taking necessary steps for surcharging the president for the irregular items of expenditure, incurred by him."

* 954 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Palanimuthu is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with reference to question No. 1316 answered on 12th August 1954 the action, if any, taken against the President, Panchayat Board, Pasumbalur, Perambalur taluk?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 953." (Answered to-day.)